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Special points of interest:

- Construction commenced in January 2011.
- The project is expected to take 10 months to complete.
- **Cedar Lane will be closed** between Beach Drive and Parkhill Drive from June 16, 2011 through August 24, 2011.
- For more information, please visit:
www.montgomerycountymd.gov

Temporary Closure of Cedar Lane over Rock Creek Scheduled

Introduction

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) Division of Transportation Engineering (DTE) has commenced the reconstruction of the bridge that carries Cedar Lane over Rock Creek. The purpose of this newsletter is to notify you of the upcoming road closure and update you on the schedule and impacts to traffic.

Construction began in January 2011. Since then, the contractor has fabricated and installed a temporary bridge that will be used by pedestrians to cross Rock Creek during the upcoming road closure.

A significant amount of work has occurred off-site at a concrete pre-casting plant. The concrete beams and parapets for the new bridge have been fabricated and will be delivered to the site soon. In addition, the contractor installed a new traffic signal at the intersection of Cedar Lane and Beach Drive and has constructed pedestrian improvements at the southern approach to the bridge.

All of this work has been completed with the objective of being ready to de-



Project Location

molish and reconstruct the bridge on an accelerated schedule once schools close for the summer.

Schedule for Road Closure

The construction sequence was developed with resident input at a public meeting on November 20, 2008. A traditional approach with lane closures and a 18-month duration was offered, as well as an accelerated construction option that required a road closure to quickly replace the bridge. Residents over-

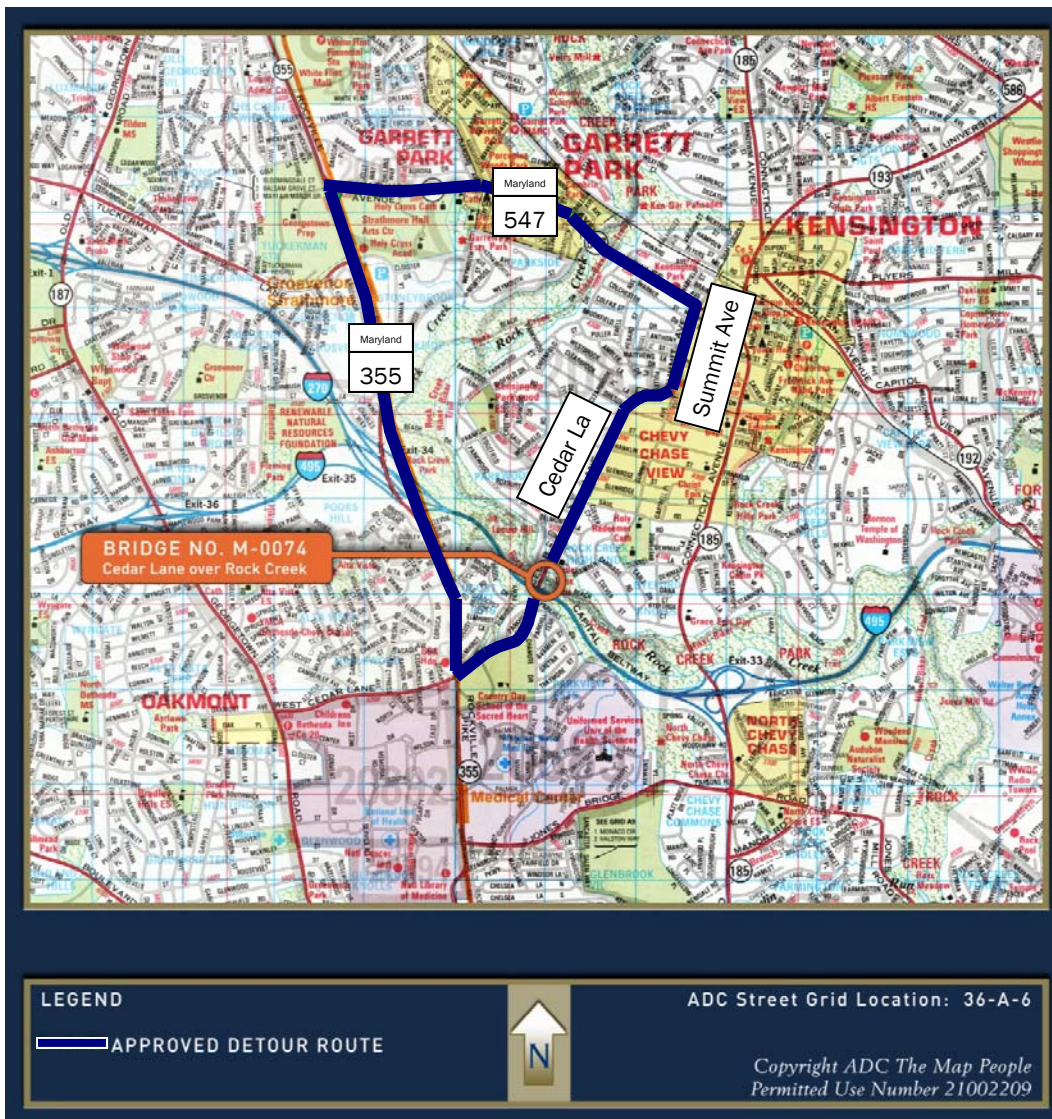
whelmingly preferred accelerated construction.

Now that the majority of the preparatory work has been completed, the contractor is preparing to close the road. **The closure is scheduled to occur at 7:00 PM on June 16, 2011.** Adverse weather could impact this date, so DOT will

post signs in the work zone to keep you informed of any changes. Once the road is closed, the contractor will work extended hours to replace the bridge before school reopens this fall. Weather permitting, the road should reopen on or about August 24, 2011.

This is the second construction newsletter published by MCDOT for this project. Please contact us if you did not receive a copy of the first newsletter and would like to have one.

Detour Route



“The detour route will be in effect between the evening of June 16, 2011 and August 24, 2011.”

Please follow the approved detour route during the road closure. The approved route is shown above. The detour route will be in effect between the evening of June 16, 2011 and August 24, 2011. The contractor will erect signs to guide motorists along the route.

Pedestrian and bicycle traffic will be maintained

through the work zone to minimize the increased distance pedestrians and cyclists are required to travel. To achieve this, a temporary bridge has been erected adjacent to the existing structure. The temporary bridge is for pedestrians and cyclists only. No vehicular traffic will be able to use the temporary bridge.

Whether biking or walking along the designated pedestrian route or following the detour for vehicular traffic, please remain alert and exercise caution in the work zone.



Temporary Pedestrian Bridge

Impacts to County Services

Montgomery County strives to minimize the impact construction projects have on residents, businesses and motorists. No “curb side” government services (such as recycling, mail delivery, etc.) will be impacted by this project. DTE has coordinated the road closure with Public Schools, Police, Fire and Rescue Services, Ride-on, Solid Waste and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning

Commission. Each agency has plans to continue to provide services throughout the duration of the road closure. Ride On Route 34 will be rerouted during the road closure.

Staging areas have been established to store materials and equipment. A portion of Rock Creek Park has been cordoned off for this use and will not be available for public use

until the project is complete.

Driveways and entrances will remain accessible at all times during construction. Warning, guidance, and directional signs will be posted throughout the project vicinity to keep motorists informed of conditions. Please use caution when traveling through the work zone, for your sake and the safety of the work crews.



Keeping Informed

This newsletter is sent to residents who are on the project mailing list and to the owners of businesses in the vicinity. Please share this information with your neighbors. If they want to receive future newsletters, please contact the MCDOT Transportation Construction Section, at 240-777-7210.

We plan to provide you with periodic updates on this

project. In addition, you can visit the Department of Transportation website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov. Select Departments from the menu on the left and click Transportation. Choose Transp. Engineering at the left to reach the DTE webpage and select “Construction” to access information for all projects under construction. In addition, feel free to contact the project team at the

field office or at the phone numbers below. The DTE email address is on page 6.

Finally, watch for signs and message boards posted near the project site. These will keep you informed of impending changes to the traffic patterns and guide you safely through the work zone.

“Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov for information on this and other projects.”

Project Management Team

A staff of dedicated professionals will oversee the construction and insure that the project is completed safely, timely, on-budget and in compliance with the specifications. In addition, the team members are available to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to con-

tact any of member of the Project Management team.

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About the Division of Transportation Engineering

DTE is responsible for planning, engineering, and constructing Montgomery County's infrastructure to the highest safety and performance standards possible while paying close attention to citizen's input, environmental and economic concerns. Today, DTE is responsible for more than 2,000 miles of primary and secondary roads and more than 253 bridges. DTE employs over 70 people, with varying skills and backgrounds. DTE has three main sections: Transportation Plan-

ning and Design, Property Acquisition and Transportation Construction.



DTE designs and constructs transportation improvements, such as the Mouth of Monocacy Road Bridge, 2009 Maryland Quality Initiative Award of Excellence recipient .